

In the Claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently amended): An infrared ray irradiation apparatus for a night vision system apparatus, comprising:
 - a lamp;
 - a rectilinear actuator for rectilinearly moving said lamp;
 - a tube made of a transparent material configured to receive said rectilinearly moving lamp; and
 - a reflector surrounding the tube from one end of said tube along a rectilinear direction in which said lamp is inserted into said tube,
 - wherein said reflector includes an infrared ray reflecting filter installed at a designated position for allowing visible rays to pass through and reflecting infrared ~~fays~~ rays.
5. (Original): The infrared ray irradiation apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein said infrared ray reflecting filter is installed at a central portion of said reflector so that said tube is surrounded by said infrared ray reflecting filter.